Vajra Tank Restoration.

Q.—42. **Mr. Bhupalam NANJUNDIAH** (Hosadurga Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether there is a tank in Vajra;

(*b*) whether it has breached;

(*c*) whether the Sreerampur Tank was receiving its supply of water from the said tank;

(*d*) whether it has come to the notice of Government that, ever since the Vajra tank breached, the Sreerampur Tank is not receiving a sufficient supply of water;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that remission of half wet assessment has been granted on all wet lands under this tank;

(*f*) whether an estimate has been prepared for repairing this tank; whether the raiyats holding lands under this tank have executed *mutchalikas* agreeing to pay a contribution of Rs. 8,400 towards the above?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).**—

(*a*) to (*c*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*d*) Yes, and due also to the interruption of water by many *saguvali kattes* constructed in the drainage area.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The estimate is for a project to augment the water supply to the tank.

The *atchkatdars* have executed *mutchalikas*.

Mr. B. MARULAPPA.—What is the cost of the estimate referred to in the answer to sub-section (*f*)?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It is understood to be Rs. 29,000. But the estimate has not yet reached the department.

Mr. B. MARULAPPA.—Are not the Government sanctioning remissions to the extent of Rs. 4,000 to Rs. 5,000 annually?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—No, it is only about Rs. 600. As soon as the estimate is sanctioned and funds allotted, the work would be put on hand.

Davangere High School.

Q.—47. **Mr. Channagiri RANGAPPA** (Davangere Municipality).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many students are there in the Davangere High School;

(*b*) how many sections are there in each form;

(*c*) how many boys are there in each section;

(*d*) how many students were refused admission to the High School during the months of July and August of the current year;

(*e*) how many teachers are there in this school;

(*f*) whether it has been brought to the notice of Government that chairs and benches are quite insufficient for the students;

(*g*) whether the Director of Public Instruction, who recently visited the place, has sent up any report in the matter?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatesa Iyengar).**—

(*a*) 393.

(*b*) Three sections in the IV and V Forms, and two sections in the VI Form.

(*c*)—

Sections		IV Form	V Form	VI Form
A	...	54	38	55
B	...	55	42	56
C	...	56	37	...
Total	...	165	117	111

(*d*) None.

(*e*) 17.

(*f*) and (*g*) The Director of Public Instruction noticed the shortcomings in this respect and is taking suitable action.

Mr. Channagiri RANGAPPA.—Are 17 teachers sufficient to teach such a large number as 400 students?

The DIRECTOR of PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (Mr. N. S. Subba Rao).—The number of teachers required does not depend upon the number of students

but upon the number of subjects taught.

I inspected the institution. The number of teachers is quite sufficient. The difficulty is about the accommodation available, which is not enough. We have called for an estimate of cost of extending the building and further action will be taken on its receipt.

Mr. Channagiri RANGAPPA.— In view of the large number of students in the IV Form, are three sections sufficient?

Mr. N. S. SUBBA RAO.—Yes.

Mr. Channagiri RANGAPPA.— When did the Director inspect the High School?

Mr. N. S. SUBBA RAO.—Towards the end of August last.

Mr. Channagiri RANGAPPA.—Till the building is extended, will some other building be taken up on rent temporarily?

Mr. N. S. SUBBA RAO.—I inspected the building proposed to be taken on rent, but the rent for the accommodation offered was extravagantly high. The work of the school is going on now, and there is no need to pay a high rent for an inadequate building.

Rural Welfare Work.

Q.—50. **Mrs. KAMALAMMA H. DASAPPA** (Special Interests).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) if a committee for rural uplift work is formed;

(*b*) if so, are any women members put on the committee?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).**—

(*a*) Informal committees have been constituted to assist Deputy Commissioners in rural welfare work.

(*b*) No. The membership is confined to Government officials.

Mrs. KAMALAMMA DASAPPA.— With reference to answer (*b*), is it to be understood that the assistance of lady officers is not required for the rural welfare work?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.— No; but in the departments concerned, there are no lady officers.

Mrs. KAMALAMMA DASAPPA.— In the Medical Department, are there not a number of lady doctors?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.— None in the Health Department.

Mrs. KAMALAMMA DASAPPA.— Is it not desirable to nominate one of the existing lady doctors to the committee?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.— Your request will be considered.

Mrs. R. D'SOUZA.—There is a lady—Mrs. Rosenthal—in the Health Department. Why was she not included in the committee?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.— There is a committee for each district and one lady cannot serve on all the committees.

Mr. H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The committee consists purely of officials. Why is it that non-officials are not included?

The SECOND MEMBER (Rajamantrapravina N. Madhava Rau).—This is not a deliberative committee. It is intended mainly for executive work. That is why non-officials are not included.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—Is there any harm in associating non-officials with the committee?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—There is no need to have non-officials on a committee of this kind.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—Why not have a provincial organization as in the Government of India?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—What you say is something different. This committee is intended only to co-ordinate the work, of a routine nature, of the official agencies concerned.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—But is there any objection to including therein a lady member also?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.— No, should a lady officer be available in the departments concerned.

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—The purpose of this committee is to bring together officers of certain departments, whose ordinary duties relate to rural work, such as the improvement of panchayet